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OF THE
General Assembly
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OF
S C O T L A N D,

Conveened at *Edinburgh* the 6th Day of *May* 1731.

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THE PRINCIPAL
ACTS
 Of the General Assembly of the
 Church of Scotland,

Holden and begun at *Edinburgh*, upon *Thursday* the 6th, and
 ending the 18th Days of *May*, 1731.

I.
*The KING's Commission to Hugh Earl of
 Loudoun, produced and ordered to be re-
 corded.*

At *Edinburgh*, 6th May 1731, Sess. 1.



THE General Assembly of this Nation-
 al Church being convened and
 constituted, there was produced
 to them by the Right Honoura-
 ble *Hugh Earl of Loudoun*, His
 Majesty's Commission, sealed with
 the Seal appointed by the Treaty
 of Union, to be kept and used in
Scotland, in place of the Great
 Seal of *Scotland*, making and con-
 stituting him his Majesty's High Commissioner and Repre-
 sentative in this Assembly, which Commission, of the same
 Tenor with that granted by his Majesty, to his Lordship
 last Year, was publicly read with all due Honour and
 Respect, and ordered to be recorded in the Books of As-
 sembly.

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The KING's most Gracious Letter to the
General Assembly, presented to them by
his Majesty's Commissioner, May 6th
1731. Sess. 1.

GEORGE R.



Right Reverend and well Beloved, we Greet you well. We do most willingly countenance this your present Meeting, with our Royal Approbation and Authority; being fully perswaded that you come together with the same good Dispositions, that have so eminently appeared in former Assemblies, to direct all your Consultations to the Honour of God, the Advancement of true Religion and Virtue, the suppressing of Profaneness and Vice, and preventing the Growth of Popery: And as we are perfectly satisfied of your Zeal, Loyalty and Affection for Our Person and Government, and for Our Royal Family, so you may be entirely assured of our fixt Resolution to maintain the Church of Scotland, established by Law, in the full and free Enjoyment of all its Rights and Privileges.

You may also depend upon Our Concurrence, in any Measures that may effectually answer the great and good Ends for which you are conven'd; and, as your Success will, under God, chiefly depend upon the Wisdom, Moderation and Charity, with which your Debates will be conducted; We must earnestly recommend it to you, to proceed upon the Business proper for your Consideration, with that Unanimity and Brotherly Love, which may, with the greatest Reason, be expected from so venerable a Body.

We have again appointed our Right Trusty and entirely Beloved Cousin and Counsellor, *Hugh Earl of Loudoun*, to represent our Royal Person in your Assembly, who being perfectly well qualified for the Discharge of so great a Trust, by his Zeal for our Service, his affectionate Concern for the Church of Scotland, his Abilities and long Experience, We doubt not but our Choice of him will be very

very acceptable to you, and that he will have your most hearty and cheerful Assistance in bringing this your Meeting to a happy Conclusion. And so We bid You heartily Farewel. Given at Our Court at St. James's the thirtieth Day of March 1731, in the fourth Year of our Reign.

By his Majesty's Command,

HOLLIS NEWCASTLE.

III.

The General Assembly's Answer to the KING's most Gracious Letter.

Edinburgh, May 8. 1731. Sess. 3.

May it please your Majesty,

THE Royal Countenance which your Majesty so willingly gives, and the Gracious Marks of your Favour, to our Meeting in this Assembly, are Matter of great Joy to us; which is heightened by your Majesty's kind Approbation, and favourable Construction of the Proceedings of our former Assemblies.

We are sensible it is our Duty, and are resolved to make it our particular Care, to answer your Majesty's just Expectations, in directing all our Consultations to the Honour of God, the Advancement of true Religion and Virtue, the suppressing of Prophaneness and Vice, and preventing the Growth of Popery; and we esteem it our great Happiness, that we are blessed with a Sovereign, who so graciously puts us in mind of those Duties, which are, and ought to be the great Ends of our Meeting.

The manifold Obligations we are under to your Majesty, both in Duty and Interest, do inviolably secure our Loyalty and most hearty Affection to your Majesty's Royal Person, Family and Government. And it is a great Encouragement to us, that your Majesty is pleased to declare in your most Gracious Letter, That you are satisfied of our Zeal, Loyalty and Affection, and to assure us, in so ample a Manner, of your Resolution, to maintain this Church, as by Law established, in all its Rights and Privileges.

We are fully convinced, that the Success of our Proceedings (under God) depends upon the managing of our

Affairs with Moderation and Charity, and by Divine Assistance, we shall endeavour to proceed upon the Business proper for our Consideration, with that Unanimity and Brotherly Love, which in Duty becomes an Assembly; and we presume humbly to rely upon your Majesty's Gracious Concurrence with us, in the Prosecution of such Measures, as may answer the great Ends for which we are convened'd.

We accept with the greatest Thankfulness your Majesty's Royal Bounty for this Year, to enable us to carry on the good Design of further reforming the Highlands and Islands from Ignorance, and the Errors of Popery; and it is with great Satisfaction, that we can acquaint your Majesty, that the Royal Donations for this Purpose, in former Years, have not been without good Effects; and it shall be our Endeavour to apply what is now given, in such Manner, as may best answer your Majesty's pious Intentions, whereby we hope there shall be more of that People made good Servants to God, and Loyal Subjects to your Majesty.

The Earl of Loudoun's known Abilities, his Zeal for your Majesty's Service, his affectionate Concern for this Church, of which we have had so long Experience, Tender your Majesty's Choice of him, to represent your Royal Person in this Assembly, most acceptable to us, and there shall be nothing wanting on our Part, to make the Execution of his great Trust easy and successful, and to bring this our Meeting to a happy Conclusion.

That God may abundantly bless your Majesty, and plentifully reward you and your Royal Family, for all the Favours you shew to this Church; that he may long preserve you to be the Head and Guardian of the Protestant Interest in Europe, that he may bless and long preserve your Royal Consort the Queen, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and all the rest of the Royal Family, and honour you to be more and more a Blessing to these Lands, and to all Europe; that he may direct all your Councils and prosper your Government; that he may always bless these Nations with a Protestant Successor of your Royal Line, are, and shall be the Prayers of,

May it please your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most Faithful, most Obedient,
and most Loyal Subjects,

The Ministers and Elders met in
the National Assembly of the
Church of SCOTLAND.

Signed in our Name, in our Presence,
and at our Appointment, by

J. A. SMITH Moderator.

IV.

*Act and Overture concerning the Method of
Planting vacant Churches.**Edinburgh, May 14th, post merid. Sess. 9.*

THE General Assembly considering the Inconveniencies and Divisions that have arisen, in planting of vacant Parishes, occasioned partly by Presbyteries not following an uniform Method, in supplying those Vacancies with Gospel Ministers, and that those Evils may be in part remedied and prevented, they appoint that Presbyteries, when the planting of any Parish falls into their Hands, *tanquam jure devoluto*, take Care to have the same supplied with a well qualified Gospel Minister, to labour amongst the People for their spiritual Edification: And in order thereunto, they shall appoint one or more of their Number to meet with the Heritors, being Protestants, and the Elders who represent the People, that they may elect and call one to be their Minister, whom they are to propose to the whole Congregation, to be either approved or disapproved by them: And the Disapprovers to offer their Reasons to the Presbytery of the Bounds, at whose Judgment, and by whose Determination, the Calling and Entry of a Minister is to be ordered and concluded. And when the like Case happens in Royal Burghs, that the Call or Election be by the Magistrates, Town Council, and Kirk-Session, where there is no Landward Parish; and where there is a Part of the Parish in Landward, the Call or Election shall be by the Magistrates, Town Council, Kirk-Session, and Heritors of the Landward Parish.

And that there may be no unnecessary Delays in planting of Churches, the Assembly further ordain, that Presbyteries, when applied unto, within the six Months after the Vacancy for supplying thereof, by Consent of the Patron, and others concerned, shall forthwith proceed to the planting of the vacant Charge, in the Manner and Way above specified, without putting off till the six Months be elapsed: And the Assembly recommends to all Ministers, Preachers, and Members of this Church, to take Care that they do not encourage or go into any Method for planting vacant Churches, contrary to, or inconsistent with this Rule.

The General Assembly do transmit this Overture to the several Presbyteries of this Church, that they may return their Opinion to the next Assembly, Whether it shall be turned into a standing Act. And the General Assembly do enjoin Presbyteries in the mean time to observe it until the next Assembly. And in Case Presbyteries shall neglect to send up their Opinion upon it, the General Assembly do appoint the Overture to be laid before the next General Assembly, to be passed into a standing Act, or not, as they see Cause.

Commission to some Ministers and Ruling Elders for discussing divers Affairs referred to them.

At Edinburgh, May 15th, 1731, ante merid. Seff. 10.

THE General Assembly taking to their Consideration, that there are divers weighty Affairs, which they cannot overtake, so as to determine therein themselves for Want of Time, do therefore nominate, commissionate and appoint, the Rev. Mr. James Smith one of the Ministers of Edinburgh their Moderator, Masters Thomas Inglis at Kirk-michael, John Munro at Suddie, David Ross at Tarbat, Walter Ross at Kilmuir Easter, John Morison at Urray, Thomas Chisholm at Kilmorack, John Sheldo at Kilmanivag, William Gordon at Glenmorison, John M'Lean at North-Uist, Donald M'Leod at South-Uist, Donald M'Leod at Braccadale, Edmund M'Queen at Strath, Donald M'Leod at Lochalsh, John Bethune at Kintail, William Innes at Thurlo, Hugh Corfs at Bowar, Walter Ross at Tongue, Robert Kirk at Dornock, John M'Kay at Larg, Hugh Moris at Evie, Alexander Nisbet at Shappinshay, Robert Gray at Nesting, Thomas Waldie at Lerwick, Charles Jervay at Campvere, William Hamilton Professor of Divinity in the College of Edinburgh, William Miller at Edinburgh, Neil M'Vicar at West-kirk, James Nisbet at Edinburgh, John

John Walker at Canongate, *George Wisbart* at Edinburgh,
Mathew Crawford Professor of Ecclesiastick History in the
 College of Edinburgh, *Robert Boyd* at Moravenside, *John*
Bonnar at Torphichen, *William Hastie* at Slamanna, *Robert*
Speers at Linlithgow, *Thomas Simson* at Burghton, *John*
Bowie at Dolphingtoun, *Alexander Walker* at Kirkurd, *John*
Hay at Peebles, *Archbald Bruce* at Manner, *Charles Prime-*
rose at Crighton, *William Robertson* at Borthwick, *Robert Bo-*
nealy at Musleburgh, *Matthew Simson* at Pancaitland, *John*
Barclay at Morholm, *James Alston* at Dirleton, *Thomas*
Finlay at Prestonhall, *David Smith* at Innerwick, *Walter*
Hart at Buncle, *James Dawson* at Langtoun, *Robert Park*
 at Foulden, *George Home* at Chirnside, *Alexander Trotter*
 at Edrom, *James Christie* at Marbottle, *William Walker* at
 M'Kerston, *James Noble* at Eckford, *Hugh Kennedy* at Ca-
 vers, *William Turnbull* at Abbotrule, *James Cuninghame*
 at Smelholm, *James Innes* at Mertoun, *William Hunter* at
 Lilliesleaf, *Gabriel Wilson* at Maxtoun, *William Armstrong*
 at Cannabie, *David Balmain* at Westerkirk, *James Arm-*
strong at Ruthwell, *Walter Cook* at Cumertrees, *Simon Rid-*
del at Tinrom, *Robert Fardin* at Glencairn, *James Guthrie*
 at Irongray, *Thomas M'Kinnel* at Dunscore, *Luke Gibson* at
 Colvend, *Andrew Ewart* at Kells, *George Gartsshore* at Kir-
 cudbright, *John Welsh* at Anwoth, *Robert Seton* at Glas-
 fertoun, *Edward Boid* at Wigtoun, *Walter Laurie* at Stran-
 rawer, *John Anderson* at Kirkmaiden, *John Hunter* at
 Air, *John Steel* at Old-Cumnock, *George Reid* at Syming-
 toun, *William Cupples* at Kirkoswald, *John Adams* at Dal-
 rymple, *Hugh Fauside* at Newmilns, *James Rowat* at Dun-
 lop, *Alexander Fergusson* at Kilwinning, *John Miller* at
 Nielstoun, *Robert Johnston* at Kilbarchan, *John Pinkerton*
 at Lochinnoch, *Mathew Connel* at Kilbride, *James Miller*
 at Shots, *William Steel* at Dalserf, *Robert Gray* at Wistoun,
John Orr at Lanerk, *James Gartsshore* at Carmichael, *John*
Hamilton at Glasgow, *John M'Laurin* there, *Alexander*
Maxwel at Ruglen, *Niel Campbel* Principal of the College
 of Glasgow, *John Allan* at Row, *John Miller* at Old Kilpa-
 trick, *John M'Alpin* at Arroquhar, *Dougald Stewart* at
 Rothelasy, *Robert Glen* at Lochgoylshead, *John Campbel* at
 Kilarow in Ilay, *Charles Stewart* at Campbeltoun, *Alexan-*
der Campbel at Inverary, *Duncan Campbel* at Kilmartin,
Archibald Bannatyne at Ardchattan, *James Campbel* at Ne-
 ther Lorn, *John M'Lean* at Kilninian, *James Stevenson* at
 Ardnamurchan, *George Frier* at Lethandy, *Adam Fergu-*
son at Logyrate, *John Gardner* at Monedic, *John Hamil-*
ton at Kendmure, *James Mercer* at Aberdalgie, *Lauchlan*
M'Intosh at Errol, *Thomas Finlayson* at Dumbarnie, *Andrew*
Schaw at St. Madois, *Archbald Campbel* at Lerbert, *Henry*
C
Adam

Adam at Clackmanan, John Drummond at Crief, Andrew Ure at Fossaway, Alexander Wardrop at Muckart, Patrick Duchal at Logie, John Smith at Kincardine, Samuel Charters at Innerkeithing, Allan Logan at Culross, James Wardlaw at Dumfermling, John Auchinleck at Auchterderran, Alexander Bonithorn at Dysart, David Marshall at Kircaldy, John Stark at Logie, William Miles at Monzie, Robert Laine at Newburgh, William Smibert at Kilmeny, James Haddow Principal of the new College at St. Andrews, James Nairn at Anstruther Easter, Alexander Anderson at St. Andrews, John Stewart at Cameron, Joseph Dren Principal of St. Leonard's College of St. Andrews, David Thomson at Meikle, Thomas Aiton at Alyth, James Lyon at Blairgoury, William Wingate at Kinnerles, James Ogilvie at Glamis, John Willison at Dundee, James Monro there, Thomas Donaldson at Liff, William Moncrief at Kinnell, William Hepburn at Inverkeilor, George Weemyss at Ferne, Robert Steven at Craig, John Martin at Othlay, David Burn at Fetteresso, Anthony Dow at Fettercairn, Andrew Thomson at Laurence-Kirk, James Ogilvie at Aberdeen, James Farquhar at Nigg, John Lumisden at Banchoory, James Howie at Newhills, George Chalmers Principal of the King's Colledge of Aberdeen, James Chalmers Professor of Divinity in the Marishal College there, John Shepherd at Colston, James Robertson at Glenmuick, Alexander Toash at Tarland, Walter Sim at Tillinefsle, Andrew Moir at Towie, James Gordon at Alford, William Forbes at Taves, James Gilchrist at Fovereign, Gilbert Gerard at Chapel-Garloch, Robert Abercrombie at Lesly, Alexander Simson at Monymusk, Alexander Auchinleck at Frazerburgh, John Forbes at Deer, George Mair at New Deer, Thomas Scot at Fyvie, William Miln at Inverkeithny, James Launie at Cullen, Alexander Irvine at Fordyce, Walter Sim at Glas, George Campbell at Botrisny, William Grant at Abernethy, Lewis Chapman at Alvy, Hugh Grant at Knockando, John Gilchrist at Bobarm, Joseph Sanderson at Elgin, William Dougal at Spynie, John Crockat at Dallas, John Squire at Forreth, Alexander McBaine at Inverness, and Patrick Nicolson at Kiltarlary, Ministers; The most Honourable John Marquis of Tweedale, the Right Honourable David Earl of Buchan, Thomas Earl of Haddington, Charles Earl of Lauderdale, Alexander Earl of Leven, Alexander Earl of Marchmont, James Earl of Hindford, David Earl of Glasgow, Archibald Earl of Ila, James Lord Aberdour, William Lord Ross, James Lord Torphichen, George Lord Reay, Sir Hugh Dalrymple of Northberwick Baronet, Lord President of the Session, Duncan Forbes Esq; his Majesty's Advocate, Adam Cockburn of Ormiston Lord Justice Clerk, Sir William Calderwood of

of Polton, Sir John Maxwell of Nether-Pollock Baronet, Mr. James Erskine of Grange, Sir Walter Pringle of Newhall, Sir Gilbert Elliot of Minto, Mr. Hugh Dalrymple of Drummore, Mr. Patrick Campbell of Monzie, and Mr. Alexander Fraser of Strichan, Eight of the Senators of the College of Justice, Sir John Clark of Pennycuik Baronet one of the Barons of his Majesty's Exchequer, Mr. Charles Erskine of Barjarg his Majesty's Solicitor, General Charles Ross of Balnagowan, Sir Robert Monro of Fowlis, James Forsyth Merchant in Cromarty, Norman Ross in Rosekean, Mr. Albert Monro of Coul, Alexander Fraser of Culduthil, the Honourable Mr. John Sinclair of Brims, Alexander Gordon of Ardoch, Sir John Inglis of Cramond Baronet, Mr. James Craig of Riccartoun, Mr. Robert Stuart Professor of Philosophy in the College of Edinburgh, Patrick Lindsay Esq; Lord Provost of Edinburgh, John Keir Deacon Conveener of the Trades thereof, Mr. Joseph Cave Merchant in Edinburgh, Archibald M'Aulay Esq; Lord Conservator of the Scots Privileges at Campvere, Captain James Craigie Merchant in Lerwick, George Dundas of Dundas, Mr. Alexander Hamilton of Innerwick, Mr. John Dundas of Newhalls, Mr. Alexander Menzies of Culterallas Advocate, Alexander Williamson of Chaplehill, James Nasmyth of Earlshaugh, Mr. Robert Dundas of Arncliffe Advocate, Sir Robert Dalrymple of Castleton, Mr. Alexander Hamilton of Pancaitland, Charles Brown of Colstoun, Sir William Baird of Newbyth Baronet, Mr. Thomas Hamilton Advocate, Robert Paterson of Drygrange, Archibald Douglas of Cavers, Sir Robert Pringle of Stichel Baronet, Mr. George Buchan of Cumlage, Mr. Charles Binning of Pilmore Advocate, Mr. John Swinton of Swinton, James Currie Provost of Drumfries, Mr. Joseph Currie Town Clerk of Drumfries, Alexander Fergusson of Craigdaroch, George Irvine of Newton, George Gordon at Balmango, George Johnston at Toddalmuir, Robert Scot of Burnhead, Patrick Milroy in Glenhaples, Patrick M'Dowal of Crichton, Hugh Montgomery of Hartfield, Patrick Murdo Provost of Glasgow, the Honourable Colonel William Dalrymple of Glenmore, Mr. James Boswell of Auchinleck Advocate, John Cunningham of Entertine, Mr. Hugh Bailie of Monkton, Mr. Alexander Stevenson of Montgreenan, John Muirhead of Bredisholm, Sir James Lockhart of Carlairs Baronet, Mr. Archibald Denholm of Westfield, Mr. John Maxwell of Blawardhil, Alexander Finlayson of Nielstonfide, Ludovick Colquhoun of Lufs, Mr. George Smollet of Inghistoun, Sir James Campbell of Ardkinglass Baronet, Colin Campbell Esq; John Campbell late Provost of Edinburgh, Sir James Campbell of Aberuchil Baronet, Sir Duncan Campbell of Lochnel, Captain John Campbell in Edinburgh, Alexander M'Millan of Dun-

more, *John Campbell* of Orchard, *Alexander Robertson* of Straloch younger, *Patrick Small* of Lianoch, Mr. *Alexander Belchies* of Innermay, Mr. *Robert Cragie* of Glendoig Advocate, *Robert Robertson* Provost of Perth, Sir *James Livingston* of Glentiran Baronet, Mr. *George Abercrombie* younger of Tillibodie Advocate, *James Fenton* of Miln-Barn, the Honourable Colonel *John Erskine* of Carnock, *John Cuninghame* of Balbougie, Mr. *John Boswel* of Balmuto, Mr. *James M'Gill* of Rankeillor, the Honourable Mr. *Charles Erskine* of Edinshead Advocate, Sir *Robert Anstruther* of Balcaskie, Mr. *James Duncan* Professor of Philosophy in the old College of St. Andrews, Mr. *Charles Gregory* Professor of Mathematicks in the University of St. Andrews, *Patrick Drummond* of Gairdrum, *John Donaldson* Merchant at Dundee, *Thomas Adamson* at Kirriemuir, *Alexander Ferrier* late Provost of Dundee, *James Doeg* late Baillic at Aberbrothwick, *Alexander Miln* Baillic of Montrose, Mr. *Alexander Arbuthnot* of Knox, *James Muirison* Provost of Aberdeen, *William Cruikshanks* late Provost there, *James Dick* at Bomakeessie, Captain *John Forbes* of Boyndley, the Honourable Mr. *Arthur Forbes* of Breda, *Alexander Farquharson* of Monaltry, Sir *Archbald Grant* of Monymusk Baronet, Mr. *Alexander Garden* of Troup Advocate, the Honourable Mr. *George Ogilvie* Advocate, *Thomas Grant* of Achynany, Sir *James Grant* of Grant Baronet, Mr. *Patrick Grant* of Easter Elchies Advocate, *Ludovick Dunbar* of Westfield, *James Brodie* of Whitehill, *Hugh Ross* of Kilravock Eldest, and *John Forbes* of Culloden, Ruling Elders; to be Commissioners of this Assembly, and any thirty one of them are declared to be a *Quorum*, whereof twenty one are always to be Ministers, with Power to them to cognosce and finally determine as they shall see Cause, in every Matter referr'd, or that shall be referred to them, by any Act or Order of this Assembly; which Commissioners are hereby ordained to convene within the Assembly House at Edinburgh, the first free Day after the Dissolution of this Assembly, at ten of the Clock Forenoon, and afterwards the second *Wednesdays* of *August*, *November*, and *March* next, and oftner when and where they shall think convenient, with Power to them to chuse their own Moderator: And this General Assembly do hereby renew the Powers granted by the late General Assembly to their Commissioners, by their Act dated the 23d Day of *May* last, intituled, *Commission to some Ministers and Ruling Elders for discussing diverse Affairs refered to them*, and the Instructions thereinmentioned in all Points; and ordain this Commission to proceed according thereto, and all Affairs referred to the late Commission not yet

yet finally determined, are hereby remitted to the Commission of this Assembly, to be proceeded in, until the same be finished; and this Commission is to report to the next General Assembly.

VI.

Commission to some Ministers and Ruling Elders for Reformation of the Highlands and Islands of Scotland, and for Management of the KING's Bounty for that End.

At Edinburgh, May 15th, 1731, ante merid. Sess. 10.



THE General Assembly taking to their Consideration, the great Extent of many Parishes in the *Highlands and Islands of Scotland*, and that by Reason thereof, Ignorance, Popery, Superstition and Vice do abound in many Places therein, and that it has pleased our Gracious Sovereign the King, out of his Royal Bounty, to bestow yearly the Sum of *L. 1000 Sterl.* to encourage Itinerant Preachers and Catechists, to go to the foresaid *Highlands and Islands*, for assisting Ministers established there, in giving the People in those Parts, such Instruction as is necessary to enlighten and arm them against the Practices of many Popish Priests that resort thither; and finding that diverse preceeding General Assemblies, have appointed some Ministers and Elders, for managing of the Royal Bounty for the End foresaid, and it being necessary the like be now done; the General Assembly do, by these Presents, nominate, comissionate and appoint, the Reverend Mr. *James Smith* one of the Ministers of Edinburgh their Moderator, Masters *William Hamilton* Professor of Divinity in the University of Edinburgh, *William Miller* at Edinburgh, *William Gusthart* there, *James Alston* at Dirlerton, *Thomas Linnen* at Lelmahago, *David Anderson* Professor of Divinity in the King's College of Aberdeen, his Majesty's Chaplains, *Niel M'Vicar* at Westkirk his Majesty's Almoner, *Thomas Chisholm* at Kilmorack, *John Sheldoch* at Kilmanivaig, *James*
D *Nisbet*

Nisbet at Edinburgh, *George Wisbart* there, *Mathew Crawford* Professor of Ecclesiastick History in the University of Edinburgh, *Hugh Corss* at Bower, *Mathew Simpson* at Pancaitland, *George Home* at Chirnside, *James Guthrie* at Irongray, *Walter Laurie* at Stranrawer, *Neil Campbel* Principal of the College of Glasgow, *Alexander Campbel* at Inverary, *John Campbel* at Kilarrow in Isla, *John McCallum* at Callender, *John Steuart* at Cameron, *Thomas Donaldson* at Liff, *George Chalmers* Principal of the King's College at Aberdeen, *James Chalmers* Professor of Divinity in the Marishal Collegethere, *Patrick Nicolson* at Kiltarlary, *Robert Sandilands* at Edinburgh, *John M'Laren* there, *John Schaw* at South-Leith, *Samuel Semple* at Libertoun, *James Grierson* at Edinburgh, *James* and *John Walkers* at Canongate, *John Thurburn* at Kirk-Newton, *Walter Allan* at Collingtoun, *David M'Colm* at Duddingston, *John Mashieson* at Edinburgh, *James Bannatyne* there, *Matthew Wood* there, *John Goldie* there, *George Fordice* at Corstorphin, *William Brown* at Edinburgh, *Robert Kinloch* there, *Alexander Ker* in the Castle, *John Hepburn* at Edinburgh, *John Spark* at Currie, *James Stevenson* at South-Leith, *George Lindsay* at North-Leith, and *Robert Hamilton* at Cramond, Ministers; the most Honourable *John Marquis of Tweeddale*, the Right Honourable *David Earl of Buchan*, *Alexander Earl of Leven*, *Alexander Earl of Marchmont*, *David Earl of Glasgow*, *Archibald Earl of Isla*, *James Lord Aberdour*, *William Lord Ross*, *George Lord Reay*, Sir *Hugh Dalrymple* of Northberwick Baronet Lord President of the Court of Session, *Duncan Forbes Esq;* his Majesty's Advocate, *Adam Cockburn* of Ormiston Lord Justice Clerk, Mr. *James Erskine* of Grange, Sir *William Calderwood* of Polton, Sir *Walter Pringle* of Newhall, Sir *Gilbert Eliot* of Minto, Mr. *Hugh Dalrymple* of Drumore, Mr. *Patrick Campbel* of Monzie, and Mr. *Alexander Frazer* of Strichan, Eight of the Senators of the College of Justice, Mr. *Charles Erskine* of Barjarg his Majesty's Solicitor, Mr. *Charles Erskine* of Edinshead Advocate, Colonel *John Erskine* of Carnock, *Patrick Lindsay Esq;* Lord Provost of Edinburgh, *Archibald M'Auly Esq;* Lord Conservator of the Scots Privileges at Campvere, *John Osburn* Dean of Guild of Edinburgh, Mr. *Robert Dundas* of Arniston Advocate, Sir *James Campbel* of Aberuchil Baronet, Sir *James Campbel* of Ardkinglass Baronet, Sir *James Grant* of Grant Baronet, Sir *Robert Munro* of Foulis Baronet, Mr. *Patrick Grant* of Easter-Elchies, Mr. *James Boswel* of Auchinleck, Mr. *Robert Craigie* of Glendoeg, Mr. *Alexander Garden* of Troup, Mr. *Ludovick Colquhoun* of Luls, Advocates, Mr. *George Buchan* of Cumlage, Mr. *Albert Munro* of Coull, Mr. *James Bailie* of Hardington, Mr. *Alexander Stevenson* of Montgreenan,

nan, Mr. *John Dundas* of Newhalls, *Patrick M'Doual* of Crichan, *Alexander M'Millan* of Dunmore, Mr. *Joseph Cave* Merchant in Edinburgh Treasurer to the Society for Christian Knowledge, *James Nimmo* late Dean of Guild of Edinburgh, *Alexander Belchies* of Innermay, Mr. *Robert Steuart* and Mr. *Colin Drummond* Regents in the College of Edinburgh, *John Kier* Deacon Conveener of the Trades of Edinburgh, *Andrew Gardner* Merchant there, and Doctor *John Riddel* Physician in Edinburgh, Ruling Elders; to be a Committee of this Assembly, for Reformation of the *Highlands* and *Islands* of *Scotland*, and for disposing upon the foresaid Royal Bounty, according to his Majesty's Grant: And the General Assembly do hereby renew the Powers contained in the 7th Act of the General Assembly 1729, and the several Acts therein mentioned, also the Regulations contained in the 4th and 6th Acts of the Assembly 1730, which are held as here repeated; and any Seven of the foresaid Persons are declared to be a Quorum, whereof four are always to be Ministers, and the foresaid Committee are appointed to have their Meetings in *Edinburgh*, in the Hall of the Society in *Scotland* for propagating Christian Knowledge, the last *Thursday* of every Month, at three of the Clock in the Afternoon, and also the first lawful Day after the Adjournment of the four stated Dyets of the Commission of this Assembly, at Ten of the Clock Forenoon, except when it falls to be *Saturday*, and then the Meeting is to be on the *Monday* following, with Power to adjourn themselves to such Times and Places as they shall find needful, and with Power to nominate Ministers, Preachers, and Catechists, to go in Mission to the foresaid Places: And the General Assembly do hereby nominate, commissionate and appoint Mr. *William Grant* Advocate Procurator for the Church of *Scotland*, to be Receiver of the foresaid Royal Bounty, he giving Bond and Caution to hold Compt for what thereof he receives, and to pay out the same as he shall be ordered by the foresaid Committee, and according to their Rules and Directions; and the foresaid Committee are hereby empowered to compt with the Heirs and Representatives of the deceased Mr. *John Dundas* of Philpstoun late Cashier of the foresaid Royal Bounty, and upon Payment of the Balance that was in his Hands to discharge the same, and to put the foresaid Balance in the Hands of the said Mr. *William Grant*, who is to lay it out as he shall be directed by the said Committee. And lastly, the foresaid Committee are enjoined to take special Care to observe the whole Directions contained in the foresaid Seventh Act of the said General Assembly 1729; and the said Committee are like-

wise to have a particular Regard to the Regulations agreed upon by the foresaid Committee upon the 30th September last, and to take Care that Presbyteries and others concerned observe the same.

VII.

Act and Recommendation in Favour of the Infirmary, or Hospital for diseased Poor at Edinburgh.

Edinburgh, May 17. 1731. post merid. Sess. 12.

THE General Assembly considering, that by an Act of the Assembly 1728, for very weighty Causes therein set forth, a Collection in all the Parish Churches was recommended to be made for encouraging the laudable Design of erecting in *Edinburgh*, an Infirmary or Hospital for diseased Poor, and it being represented to this Assembly, that the foresaid Hospital was actually erected some Years ago, and that by the Blessing of God, upon that pious Undertaking, many diseased Poor have been successfully cured of very dangerous Distempers, and dismissed in good Health, able to work for their Livelihood, and that the said Hospital is open to all Objects throughout the Nation, who are readily received, upon Application, and not only carefully attended by able Physicians, Chirurgeons and Nurses, and furnished with proper Medicines, but also well attended and accommodated with convenient Lodging in the House, and furnished with the Dyet fit for them, by the Prescription of Physicians; all which requires a considerable Expence for Servants Wages, and otherwise, and the Assembly being informed, that the far greater Part of Parishes have yet sent in no Collections; do therefore, in the most earnest Manner, recommend to all these Parishes, who have not made or sent in their Collections, that with all the Expedition they can, they would proceed to make the same: And for that End, that Ministers cause intimate the Act and Recommendation of the Assembly 1728, and also this present Act, upon a Lord's Day immediately preceeding the Day in which the Collection is to be made; and re-
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recommends it to Ministers, to represent to the People the great Usefulness of this Charity, and exhort them to contribute, to the carrying on a Work so beneficial to their distressed Country Men, and which, the more the Fund is enlarged, will be of more extensive Usefulness: All that hath been hitherto contributed, though many charitable Persons have given liberal Donations, being far from sufficient to answer the Demands of Help that are made for the many Objects that offer. And the Assembly appoints the Money collected to be sent to *David Spence* Secretary to the Bank of Scotland, according to the Directions given in the fore said Act of Assembly, 1728.

VIII.

Act appointing the Diet of the next General Assembly.

Edinburgh, May 18th, 1731. Sess. ult.



THE next General Assembly of this National Church is appointed to be held at *Edinburgh* upon the first *Thursday* of *May* next to come, being the 4th Day of that Month, in the Year 1732, in this the ordinary Place of their Meeting.

The General Assembly was concluded with Prayer, and singing a Part of the CXXII. Psalm from the 6th Verse to the Close, and pronouncing of the Blessing.

Collected and Extracted from the Records of the General Assembly, by

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AFTER Sermon by Mr. *William Hamilton* Moderator of the former Assembly, the Ministers and Ruling Elders, Members of this Assembly, did convene, and Mr. *John Dundas* principal Clerk to the General Assembly, being absent through bodily Indisposition, at his Desire, Mr. *James Paton*, Clerk to the Synod of *Lothian*, was appointed to supply his Place for this time, and Mr. *James Smith* one of the Ministers of *Edinburgh* was chosen Moderator; May 6th, 1731, Sess. 1st.
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A Committee appointed to revise the Register of the Commission of the late Assembly; also to audite the Procurator and Agent's Accounts, consider the State of the Publick-Money, and Petitions thereanent; also References from the late Commission, and prepare Overtures upon the whole. *Ibid.*

A Committee named to revise the Register of the Committee of the late Assembly, entrusted with the Management of his Majesty's Bounty, for Reformation of the Highlands and Islands. *Ibid.*

Committees appointed to revise the Registers of several Synods produced, viz. Ross, Orkney, Lothian, Drumfries, Glasgow, Argyle, Perth, and Fife, and Presbytery Book of Zetland, and Directions given to the Visitors thereof; the Commissioners from Presbyteries in the Synods of Sutherland, Merse, Galloway, Angus, Aberdeen, Murray and Glenelg heard as to the Reasons of their not producing their Synod Books to this Assembly, and resolved, that the same be further enquired into, at receiving the Reports of Visitors of Books. *Ibid.*

A Committee is named to receive in Presbyteries Instructions to their Commissioners, and Overtures from Synods, and class the Matters therein contained; also for considering the State of the North and Highlands and Islands, and report to the Committee of Overtures. *Ibid.*

A Letter from the Lord Reay concerning three new erected Churches remitted to a Committee. *Ibid.*

Intimation to all who had any Returns to make to the Letters from the Committee for Reformation of the Highlands and Islands, to give in the same to Persons named for receiving thereof. *Ibid.*

A Letter from Mr. Ebenezer Pemberton Minister at New-Tork in America, and his Session, with another from Dr. John Nicol there, concerning the Contribution for their Church, and the Security of the Fabrick thereof to the Presbyterians in and near that City to Posterity, produced and recorded. And the Moderator of the General Assembly and Commission thereof, Moderator of the Presbytery of Edinburgh, the Principal and Professor of Divinity in the College of Edinburgh, and Procurator or Agent for the Church of Scotland, impowered to grant a Declaration, that the foresaid Security is for the behoof of the Presbyterians in the City of New-Tork, at Sight of a Committee named for that Effect, and a Recommendation to Deficients yet to bring in their Contributions for that Church. *Ibid.*

A Petition for the Parish of Kiltearn, craving the Transportation of Mr. Andrew Robertson Minister of Farr to Kilt-

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- tearn*, delayed to another Diet. Also another Petition anent Transportation of Mr. *John Robertson* from *Contane* to *Killearnan*. *Ibid.*
- A Petition for an Allowance to Commissioners from Presbyteries in the Synod of *Orkney* to the General Assembly, referred to the Committee for the publick Accompts. *Ibid.*
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- Mr. *Andrew Robertson* Minister transported from *Farr* to *Kiltearn*, and his Admission there appointed betwixt and the first Lord's Day of *August* next, and *Farr* to be declared Vacant that Day; and a Reference to the Committee for the Royal Bounty to have a special Regard to the Circumstances of the Presbytery of *Tongue*, and a Letter ordered to be written to them. *Ibid.*
- Petition concerning planting of the Parish of *Cushney* referred to another Diet. *Ibid.*
- An Appeal by the Lairds of *Humbie* and *Fallahil* from the Synod of *Lothian*, in a Process against Mr. *John Cuming* Minister at *Humbie*, brought in and delayed till another Diet. *Ibid.*
- The Petition of Mr. *William Henderson* craving a Burse, referred to a Committee. *Ibid.*
- Mr. *James Lindsay* Student, having *Irish*, recommended to the Synod of *Merse* and *Teviotdale* for a Burse. *Ibid.*
- Mr. *John Robertson* Minister, transported from *Contane* to *Killearnan*, and appointed to be admitted there betwixt and the 1st Lord's Day of *August*, and the Kirk of *Cohion* to be declared Vacant the next Sabbath after his Admission. *May 11th. Sess. 5.*
- Recommendation to the Committee of the Royal Bounty, in Favour of the Parish of *Contane*. *Ibid.*
- The Settlement of Mr. *Alexander Orem* to be Minister of *Cushney* affirmed. *Ibid.*
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- The Appeal of some of the Parish of *Lintown* against the Settlement of Mr. *Thomas Findlater* as their Minister, continued till another Diet. *Ibid.*
- A Petition for Mr. *Patrick Scot* Minister at *Carnwath*, craving some of the Publick-Money, to carry on a Process for Settlement of his Stipend, and a Fund for Communion Elements, referred to the Committee for publick Accompts. *Ibid.*
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- A Letter from the Lord *Strathnaver* against transporting Mr. *Andrew Robertson* from *Farr* to *Killearn*, and a Return ordered to be written thereto. *Ibid.*
- Reference to the Committee of the Royal Bounty in Favour of Mr. *Thomas Montfud* Minister Missionary, for an additional Allowance for his Service at *Maryburgh*. *Ibid.*
- A Letter from Mr. *William Baron* Minister at *Ardeclath*, excusing his not intimating the Sentence of the late Assembly, with Relation to Mr. *Lewis Chapman* referred to the Committee on the Commission-Book. *Ibid.*
- The Cause and Appeal of the Lairds of *Humbie* and *Fal-lahil* against Mr. *John Cuning* heard, and the Sentence of the Synod of *Lothian* and *Tweeddale*, affirming the Interlocutors of the Presbytery of *Haddingtoun* in the Cause, affirmed, and a Committee named to bring in an Overture for terminating of this Process. *Ibid.*
- The Process concerning the planting of *Tealing* referred to the Commission in *August* next. *Ibid.*
- The Process concerning the planting of the West-kirk brought in and continued till another Diet. *Ibid.*
- A Petition for Mr. *Robert Abercrombie* Minister of *Lefly* in *Garioch*, for some of the publick Money, to help to defray the Expences of a Criminal Process he has been put to, upon Account of an Assault on his Person. *Ibid.*
- A Petition of the Presbytery of *Zetland*, another from the Presbytery of *Abertarph*, craving that the Charges of their Commissioners to the General Assembly may be paid out of the Churches Publick-Money, were referred to the Committee for the Publick Accompts. *Ibid.*
- A Petition for *Margaret Ross* Relict of Mr. *Hector Fraser* Minister of *Edderton*, craving, that the Expence of a Process for settling the Stipend and Glibe of that Parish might be paid out of the Churches Publick-Money, referr'd to the Committee for the Publick Accompts. *Ibid.*
- Some more new Commissions produced and Additions to Committees. *May* 13th. *Sess.* 7.
- Mr. *William Grant* Advocate, elected Procurator for the Church, and principal Clerk to the General Assembly, and Commissions thereof, in place of Mr. *John Dundas* of *Philpston* deceased. *Ibid.*
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- Report of a Committee concerning Mr. *John Cuning* Minister at *Humbie*, bearing a State thereof, agreed to by the Assembly, who thereupon absolved him from all Things charged against him by the Laird of *Humbie* and

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- and others in their Libel, and ordain this Sentence to be intimated in the Church of *Humbie*.
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- The Sentence of the Synod of *Lothian and Tweeddale*, with relation to the Settlement of Mr. *Thomas Findlater* to be Minister at *Lintoun*; affirmed. *Ibid.*
- The Process concerning the Settlement of the Vacancy in the Westkirk referred to the Commission in *August*. *Ibid.*
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- Process and Appeal from the Synod of *Fife*, with relation to the Competition among the Heritors and Elders and others of the Parish of *Kettle*, whether Mr. *Patrick Glas* or Mr. *Hugh Glas* Probationers, should be settled in that Parish. *Ibid.*
- References to the Commission for planting of the Vacancies in the Churches of *Edinburgh*, *Dundee* and *Markinch*, with Power to judge and finally determine in any References and Appeals that may come regularly before them with relation thereto. *May 14th Sess. 8.*
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- The Presbytery of *Deer* appointed to enroll Mr. *William Hay* Minister at *Crimond*, as one of their Number, he being legally settled in that Parish. *Ibid.*
- The Report of the Committee for revising the Register of the Committee for Reformation of the Highlands and Islands, brought in, and that Committee appoven, and the Report of their Procedure recorded. *Ibid.*
- The Synods of *Argyle*, *Ross* and *Murray* appointed each of them to send one of their Number, at least, to correspond with the Synod of *Glenelg*, besides these sent upon the Royal Bounty. *Ibid.*
- The Visitors of the Register of the Committee for Reformation of the Highlands and Islands, with the Addition of some others, appointed to meet, and bring in a Nomination of a new Committee for that End, and for managing of the Royal Bounty, with a Draught of their Commission and Instructions. *Ibid.*

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- The Members of the Assembly are appointed to meet by their Synods severally, to name Persons to be a Committee for Nomination of the Members of the Commission to be appointed by this Assembly, and prepare the Draught of their Commission and Instructions. *Ibid.*
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- An Overture concerning the planting of vacant Churches brought in from the Committee of Overtures, and approved. *Ibid.*
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- A Committee named to prepare the Draught of a new Recommendation, in Favour of the Infirmary in *Edinburgh.* *Ibid.*
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- The Affair concerning planting of *Kinross* delayed to another Diet. *Ibid.*
- A Complaint of the Synod of *Angus* and *Mearns*, against the late Commission's Sentence, with Relation to *Mr. Francis Archibald*, brought in, and a Committee named to consider the Matter and Report. *Ibid.*
- The Parish and Minister of *Orkney* disjoined from the Presbytery of *Brechin*, and annexed to the Presbytery of *Forfar*; and a Letter wrote to the Earl of *Strathmore* thereanent. *Ibid.*
- An approving the Accompts of the deceased *Mr. John Dundas*, late Procurator for the Church, for one Year and three Quarters of the Allowance to the Church, for defraying the publick Charges thereof, *viz.* from Mid-summer Term 1728, to Mid-summer 1730, exclusive of both: And discharging the said *Mr. John Dundas*, his Representatives and Cautioner of the same, and appointing the Balance of 46 13 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ *Sterl.* due to him according to these Accompts, to be stated as an Article of Discharge in the following Accompt, and a Committee impowered to adjust Matters betwixt the present Clerk and the Representatives of the said *Mr. John Dundas.* *Ibid.*

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The Complaint against the late Commission with relation to the Planting of *Balfroun* continued till another Diet. *Ibid.*

Parties being heard upon the Complaint against the Commission in the Settlement of *Balfroun*, a Vote was stated, Whether the Assembly should without either approving or disapproving of the Conduct of the late Commission, leave that Affair as it now stands, or not, and it carried in the Negative. 17th May, Sess. 11th.

A Report concerning the Infirmary brought in and approved. Eod. die. post merid. Sess. 12th.

The Report of the Committee for revising Commissions to Members of this Assembly, brought in and approved, sustaining them all, except that from the Burgh of *Pittenweem*, the same not having been attested by the Presbytry, nor the Election made in due Time; and Letters ordered to be written to the Synods and Presbyteries concerned, acquainting them of any Defects or Informalities in Commissions from their Bounds, and to call Absents to an Account. *Ibid.*

Some Steps of the late Commission's Conduct, in Relation to the Settlement of Mr. *George Sinclair* as Minister of *Balfroun* disapproved, but agreed that the Settlement should subsist. *Ibid.*

The Cause concerning the planting of *Kinross* referred to the Commission, also the Process concerning the planting of *Kettle*, both to be taken in, in August. *Ibid.*

The Synod Books of *Ross*, *Caithness*, *Orkney*, and *Lothian*, attested in common Form. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commission to judge finally in any Reference or Appeals that may come regularly before them, relating to the planting of *Kinross*, May 18. Sess. ult.

The Accompts of the Printers to the Church approved, and ordered to be paid. *Ibid.*

Report of the Committee concerning the State of the Church's publick Accounts, with a List of the Debts already stated by former Assemblies, amounting to L. 549 5 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ sterl. and allowing L. 48 12 1 sterl. to the Relict of Mr. *Heclor Fraser* at *Eadertoun*, L. 40 9 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ sterl. to Mr. *Abercromby* Minister at *Lesly*, and L. 19 6 0 sterl. to the Presbytry of *Lorg-Island*, extending

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in all to L. 668 3 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ Sterl. also the Claims of Mr. Patrick Scot at Carnwath, Mr. William Innes at Thurso, Mr. William Rose at Kildonnan, Mr. Daniel Morison lately at Kilbrandon, Mr. Thomas Ker at Balmerinloch, to be consider'd after the Debts already stated, are paid, if then insisted on. Likewise the Demands of the Commissioners of this Assembly for the Presbytery of Zetland, Kirkwall, Caithness and Abertarph. But that in Time coming there should be no Allowance granted to Commissioners from Presbyteries, there being no Fund to Answer the same; and therefore Ministers should either attend the Assembly by turns when elected for that End, or their own Presbyteries pay their Commissioners Charges. *Ibid.*

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Reference to the Commission concerning the Appeals from the Synod of *Perth*, relating to the Settlement of the Parish of *Foulis*, and anent Mr. *John Burgh* Probationer, who had accepted of a Pretentation, and was suspended. *Ibid.*

The Synod Books of *Glasgow*, *Perth* and *Fife* attested in the usual Form. *Ibid.*

The Synods of *Merse*, *Drumfries*, *Galloway*, *Argyle*, *Angus*, *Aberdeen*, *Murray* and *Glenelg*, and Presbytery of *Zetland*, not having produced their Books to this Assembly, are appointed to cause fill up and produce the same to the next Assembly, and the Synod Book of *Merse* is ordained to be delivered up to their Clerk. *Ibid.*

Some Overtures concerning Payment of the *Lithuanian* Bursers referred to the Commission. *Ibid.*

It was agreed with Consent of the Commissioners from the Synod of *Angus*, that the Affair concerning Mr. *Francis Archibald* shall rest as it now stands; and the Commission are impowered to give Advice and Assistance for removing any Disorders and Inconveniencies which may arise from the Conduct of Mr. *Francis Archibald* and Mr. *John Glas*. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commission of a Petition from Brethren of the Synod of *Perth*, and Members from the Synod of *Angus*, Presbyteries of *St. Andrews*, *Dumfermline*, *Aberdeen*, *Kincardine*, *Ellon* and *Aberlour*, craving a Warning against Errors in Doctrines, and the Growth of Infidelity, &c. *Ibid.*

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Protestation taken for the Synod of *Galloway*, Presbytery of *Stranraer*, and those of the Parish of *Balantrae*, who were Callers of Mr. *Hamilton Kennedy* Minister of *Dundonald*, against the Appellants from the Sentence of the said Presbytery and Synod, sustaining and concurring with his Call, for not insisting in their Appeal, admitted. *Ibid.*

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The Lists of Probationers and Students of Divinity were brought in, and the Names of the Probationers were read and ordered to be recorded. *Ibid.*

A Committee is appointed to revise the Minutes of this Assembly, and give Orders about printing such of the Acts thereof as are to be standing Rules, and are of publick Use. *Ibid.*

The Minutes of this Days Sederunt were read, these of former Sederunts having been read at the respective Diers subsequent to each Days Proceedings. *Ibid.*

The Moderator spoke to the Assembly and to his Majesty's Commissioner. *Ibid.*

The Lord Commissioner made a Speech, and then the Assembly was concluded. *Ibid.*

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